

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 14, 16, 18 and 20 are in independent form. Claims 2-12 depend from claim 1, claim 15 depends from claim 14, claim 17 depends from claim 16, claim 19 depends from claim 18, and claim 21 depends from claim 20. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended, claim 13 is cancelled, and claims 14-21 are new. No new matter has been entered.

The claims presented herein are submitted to be allowable over the art of record. With respect to claim 18, which is similar to the claims that were rejected in applicants' parent case, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/992,655, applicants submit that a rejection of the claim based upon the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,354,953 to Nattel in combination with U.S. Patent No. 4,140,293 to Hansen is in hindsight only. If it were obvious to combine the presently claimed adhering structure to an electrical bracket for attachment to an electrical outlet box, why hasn't anyone else done it since 1979, which is when Hansen issued?

Moreover, applicants reassert that there would be no motivation to combine Nattel and Hansen because the bracket structure of Nattel already has a means for attachment to the outlet box--welding. There would be no motivation on the part of the Nattel inventor to look for another means to attach the bracket structure to the outlet box.

Even when Nattel is combined with Hansen, you are presented with a bracket for attaching to a stud, an electrical outlet box that has an adhesive positioned between the stud bracket and the outlet box, and a low voltage bracket welded to the side of the outlet box. Thus, even the combination of Nattel and Hansen does not render claim 18 obvious.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help to resolve any remaining issues.

No fees are believed to be due with the submission of this Amendment, other than fees associated with the additional independent claims. Should any other fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-1432.

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